

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant(s):** Allen J. Gerbino**Docket No.** 58060-010200**Filed** September 9, 2003**Title of Invention:** RETRACTABLE LIFTING BLADES FOR AIRCRAFT**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of the Japanese patent listed is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted:

1. Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), or within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application; or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, and therefore, Applicant believes no fee is required;

- 2. After the period specified in paragraph (1) above of this section, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, whichever occurs first, and is accompanied by either:
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b. A petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement; and

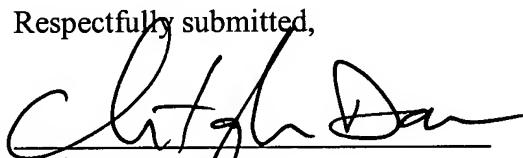
c. The petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$180.00 and any required fee in connection with the submission of this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2638.

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